

**LOUISVILLE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Members Present: Harry Rothgerber (designee for David Stengel); Col. John Aubrey; Richard Badaracco; Evan Roach (Designee for Gary Barnes); Mark Bolton; Timothy D. Cox; Sheriall Cunningham; William DeNardi; Dan Goyette; Bishop Walter Jones; Richard Lewis; Wanda Baker (designee for David L. Nicholson); Jonathon K. Huls (designee for Shane Smith); Col. Robert White; and Clarence Williams.

Excused Members: Kim Allen; Judge Judith Bartholomew; Roger Henderson; Candy Hill; Carla Kreitman; and Judge James Shake.

Guests Present: Julie Hayes (District Court Administrator); Tina Messer (Drug Court Administrator); Lt. Col. Troy Riggs (Louisville Metro Police Department); Maurice Risner (Jefferson County Public Schools); and Major Vince Robison (Louisville Metro Police Department).

Staff Present: Faith Augustine; Betsy Helm; Bruce McMichael; Tracey Neathery; and Stephanie Stidham.

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Judge Bartholomew, Chair, and Dave Stengel, Vice Chair, Harry Rothgerber (designee for Mr. Stengel) served as Acting Chair and called the meeting to order. Mr. Rothgerber welcomed all in attendance and called for introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 19, 2009 MEETING

The summary of the February 19, 2009 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

Pam Helms, Chief Operating Officer, Family & Children's Place

Ms. Helms reported that April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month. The declaration calls attention to child abuse issues in our community. Ms. Helms reminded attendees that child abuse occurs throughout Louisville Metro, in every socio-economic level and every ethnic or religious background. Research indicates that abusers are most often family members rather than strangers. She urged

members to be advocates for children and speak up about suspected abuse by calling 1-800-752-6200, and noted that additional information may be obtained at the Family and Children's Place website at www.familyandchildrensplace.org.

In response to a question from Mr. Rothgerber, Ms. Helms discussed the assistance provided to children if it is suspected that they have been exposed to a Methamphetamine Laboratory. She explained that the most critical need for these children is placement in foster care or an emergency shelter and a physical exam to check for signs of sickness or neglect.

IV. Review of MCJC Strategic Priorities, Ordinance/Membership Recommendations and Meeting Schedule

A. Strategic Priorities – An updated listing of the Strategic Priorities of the MCJC is included in the meeting packet. Faith Augustine clarified that Items 4-6 have been added to the list of priorities as a result of discussions in the February CJC meeting. This listing remains subject to change according to the priorities identified by the Board.

B. Ordinance/Membership Recommendations – Members have previously been presented with a copy of the ordinance establishing the MCJC. Included in the meeting packet is a copy of a proposed revision to the ordinance. Bruce McMichael reported that the Mayor's Office wants more consistency in the Boards & Commissions of Louisville Metro. As a result, terms and term limits for Citizen Appointees must be addressed within the ordinance. Additionally, Mr. McMichael brought attention to revisions in the membership of the commission. He reported that Acting U.S. Attorney, Candace Hill, advised that the participation of her office is not allowed without the express approval of the Deputy Attorney General. Other federal agencies agreed to confer with counsel and advise staff regarding ex-officio membership on the Board prior to the next meeting. In order to receive input and feedback on the proposed ordinance revisions from the federal agencies, this item will be deferred until the next meeting.

C. Meeting Schedule – Faith Augustine asked that the Board consider a revision of the regular meeting schedule of the MCJC. She directed everyone's attention to the handout in the meeting packet outlining the changes to the meeting dates. Proposed revisions fulfill the ordinance requirement of at least 6 meetings per year, and schedule meetings every other month to permit more in-depth preparation of issues/policies to be addressed. A motion was made by Dan Goyette, and seconded by Bill DeNardi to approve Option 2 (alternate months beginning each year in February). By unanimous vote, members agreed to adopt the schedule. The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be Thursday, June 25th.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislative Committee – Stephanie Stidham discussed the action taken on legislation prior to the end of the legislative session. She called attention to the listing included in the agenda packet, noting that items in bold print were signed into law. Specific attention was drawn to legislation which authorized a reform of the Kentucky Penal Code and which increased penalties for certain thefts. In the event of a Special Session, Ms. Stidham will notify committee members to schedule meetings for additional reviews.

B. Computerization Projects – Betsy Helm reported that the Computerization Committee has met for the first time since 2007. Carla Kreitman has agreed to chair the committee that will meet again on June 2nd. At that time, members will adopt priorities and projects to be monitored.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Proposal, Review/Approval

The Criminal Justice Commission Board serves as the public review body for the JAG program. In addition to Commission Board members, a member of the Jefferson County Public Schools and a member of a substance abuse treatment program also review and vote on the proposals. Maurice Risner, Jefferson County Public Schools and Tina Messer, Jefferson County Drug Court, serve as these respective representatives. Chief Robert White, LMPD, briefed members on the JAG equipment proposal totaling \$4,130,037. The proposal covers the purchase of 145 new vehicles to replace those with significant mileage. Mark Bolton, Director of Louisville Metro Department of Corrections, discussed the \$500,000 proposal to implement a Day Reporting Center which will allow for more diverse sentencing alternatives for the courts. The third portion of the proposal, presented by Stephanie Stidham, will fund the development and implementation of an electronic subpoena system for the local courts. The \$400,000 will also provide for the implementation of a court notification system. Mr. Rothgerber called for a formal vote. A motion was made by Sheriall Cunningham, seconded by Richard Lewis, and unanimously approved to accept the grant proposal as presented.

VII. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crown Room of the Judicial Center.